



► **KID ZONE MISSION:**
To create memorable childhood experiences everyday, through age appropriate enrichment learning, in a safe and nurturing environment.



► **CITY OF TEMPE MISSION:**
Tempe creates outstanding value for those we serve through shared vision, superior service and sustainable practices.

○ March ○ 23rd ○ 2015

KID ZONE

Spotlights

Enrichment Program



★ CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY TO KID ZONE STAFF, STUDENTS & PROGRAMS

PROGRAM SHOWCASE KID ZONE EXPERIENCE AT PLAYDAY, A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Kid Zone Enrichment Program was so excited to expand our role in the City of Tempe's PlayDay this year. Kid Zone brought together all 18 programs that included children from preschool to middle school and



their families. Kid Zone children of all ages came out with their families to play, compete, and volunteer. The event featured salsa making, speed stacking, professional yo-yo training and dance, along with a slew of other events and community partners' booths.

As a part of our programs dedication to provide community service opportunities to students, we were excited to have more than 20 student volunteers assist in the event. With a record-breaking 1,500 people in attendance, the help was greatly appreciated! This annual event will only get bigger and better with the continued support of our families.



KID ZONE COMMUNITY

- ★ **Food and Clothing Drive: Benefiting Tempe Care 7 and Kyrene Family Resource Center** This year Kid Zone programs donated more than 2,000 items to two great community partners. We were excited to donate along with providing this service experience for our students.
- ★ **Geeks Night Out** Kid Zone was excited to be a part of Geeks Night Out where children were able to "discover the science." Students from all around the City came with their STEM related projects and Kid Zone's interactive STEM table was a hit! Children also created a Simple Machine display showcasing their marble madness projects.
- ★ **Tempe Opportunities** Check out Tempe Opportunities for exciting activities for your children (or yourself). Something for everyone at: www.tempe.gov/brochure
- ★ **Summer and Fall Registration now open:** Visit www.Tempe.gov/KidZone and click on Summer Programs for more information. Register online on the Kid Zone Parent Website!



STAFF AND KIDS SHINE

AZ State Standards:

On Feb. 12, Tempe City Council voted in-favor of Resolution R2015, which formalizes a commitment to supporting Arizona Quality Standards for Out-of-School Time Programs. There are currently 541 out-of-school time sites throughout the state that recognize and follow these standards, but formalizing the resolution makes Tempe the first city in Arizona to officially adopt the standards.

The standards were created through an active partnership between the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence, the Valley of the Sun United Way, cities, towns, school districts and community organizations. The standards consist of following best practices in seven key areas: Safe & Healthy Environments; Positive relationships; Intentional Programming & Activities; Equity & Inclusion; Family, School & Community Engagement; Program Management; Program Evaluation & Data.

The Kid Zone Enrichment program is the first program in the state to sign the quality pledge and also has staff on the committees that developed the standards. They also currently sit on the committee working on the online evaluation tool. Kid Zone has piloted the evaluation tools at all of its' sites and is currently integrating the feedback into our quality actions plans. This is just another layer to the quality program at Kid Zone!